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SUBJ: DOWNED IRAQI WAR PLANES

REF: TEHRAN 10692

1. IRANIAN PRESS CONTINUES FRONT PAGE THEME BEGUN
YESTERDAY THAT IRAN HAS FOR MANY MONTHS BEEN VICTIM OF
IRAQI AIR, ARTILLERY AND GROUND ATTACKS ACROSS BORDER.
KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL GAVE SIX-COLUMN SPREAD TO PICTURES
OF CHARRED BODIES, DESTROYED HOUSES AND BOMB FINS WITH
RUSSIAN MARKINGS, ALONG WITH LISTING OF SIXTEEN SEPARATE
ATTACKS ON IRANIAN TERRITORY BEGINNING AUGUST 14 DURING
WHICH 19 WERE REPORTED KILLED AND OTHERS WOUNDED AND
KIDNAPPED. SIMILAR EDITORIALS IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND
FARSI PRESS DEPLORE CONTINUED IRAQI ATTACKS ON IRANIAN
TERRITORY AND EXPRESS SURPRISE THAT IRAQIS SHOULD BE
INDIGNANT AT IRANIAN EFFORTS TO DEFEND SELF. ONLY
SPECIFIC CLAIM THAT TWO PLANES DOWNED LAST WEEKEND
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WERE HIT OVER IRAN WAS IN HEADLINE OF OPPOSITION

MARDOM, ALTHOUGH TEXT ITSELF STATED ONLY THAT SHOOTDOWN WAS DEFENSIVE ACTION. IN SMALL FRONT PAGE ITEM DATELINED BONN, JOURNAL REPORTS WEST GERMAN TELEVISION HAS SHOWN FILM "OF IRAQI WARPLANES BOMBING UNDEFENDED IRANIAN VILLAGES."

2. COMMENT: GOI APPEARS TO BE PREPARING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ITS CASE IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION WHICH FBIS 181215 FROM BEIRUT INDICATES IRAQ MAY BE PLANNING TO REQUEST.
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